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BIG INCREASE IN CURRY COUNTY WHEAT ACREAGE

Believe it Will Be One-third to One-half Greater Than Last Season.

W. W. Metcalf a farmer and stock raiser who lives near Hollene was in the city Tuesday and reports crops in his locality in fine condition. An inch of rain fell there Monday night. Mr. Metcalf says that his broom corn crop is finer this year than ever, and that he will have a good crop of maize. He already has 110 acres planted in wheat and expects to put in fifty more as soon as possible.

Mr. Metcalf brings the interesting information that the wheat acreage in Curry County next year will be from one-third to one-half greater than it was this year. This is good news to the people of Clovis and Curry County. Providing it is an average season this means that the wheat crop of the county next year will be from 600,000 to 800,000 bushels. At the present price of wheat, this will mean

\$600,000 to \$800,000 to Curry County from one crop.

This has been the dryest year ever known in Curry County, but the wheat crop panned out better than was expected in the early spring. Wheat is the salvation of this country. There is more money in it than any other crop that can be raised here and the farmers are just beginning to realize it. The crop has never been a failure. Think of a new country like this where 10 to 30 bushels of wheat can be raised in a dry year on land that can be bought from \$10 to \$15 per acre. We doubt if it can be duplicated anywhere in the United States, except here in Curry County.

They call the Dakotas a wheat country, yet the average yields are no greater than right here in Eastern New Mexico, and lands there sell from \$50 to \$75 per acre.

ONLY FIVE MORE WORKING DAYS TO GET VOTES

Miss Wicks Leads With Miss Doyle a Close Second. Standing of Contestants.

Only five more working days until the great subscription contest of the Clovis News will have passed into history. Only five more days for YOU to win or lose. Which will it be? You, and You alone can answer that question. Do YOU want that \$400 Cable-Nelson piano? Only five more days and the issue will be forever closed, the "Battle for Ballots" will be forever over. All the "vain regrets" will not avail then. Work, work, work, every day, every hour, every minute until 8 o'clock Wednesday evening August 16. That is the thing, and the ONLY thing that will make YOU a winner of first honors in this hard fought struggle for supremacy.

You will note some changes in the standing of the contestants this week. Miss Grace Wicks, who has been a close second from the beginning of the campaign has forged ahead and serenely holds first place. Take a tip from us, Miss Wicks has her eye on that piano, and will have to be reckoned with in this struggle.

Miss Pearl Doyle has held first honors until this week, and she

is just "a wee bit" behind Miss Wicks now. Miss Doyle has forgotten the words "can't" and "fail" and she is in this campaign for a successful finish. "Successful Finish" to Miss Doyle means that piano, means FIRST HONORS. It's a "battle royal" with these two excellent young ladies until the last second of the contest.

Miss Carrie Blassingame has done excellent work, as well as some others in this campaign. Miss Blassingame comes third, and take it from us, she is a worker worthwhile, and a few long term subscriptions could easily turn the tide in her favor, and give her the piano. Fact is, a few long term subscriptions would probably "cinch" the piano for any young lady in the campaign.

Owing to the change in day of publication, and owing to the fact that the campaign manager has a date to fill in Oklahoma in a few days, this campaign will close one day earlier than first announced. Don't forget this. Instead of closing at 7 p. m. Thursday, August 17, the campaign will close at 8 p. m. Wednesday August 16.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Miss Grace Wicks, Clovis	176,950
Miss Pearl Doyle, Clovis	175,600
Miss Carrie Blassingame Clovis	161,100
Miss Maria Stotts, Clovis	25,000
Miss Florence O'Hara, Claud	1,500
Miss Grace Hill, Texico	1,400
Miss Ethel Brashear, Claud	1,300
Miss Ruth Climins, Melrose	1,200
Miss Pearl Evans, Tolar	1,200
Miss Lois Hagler, Texico	1,200
Miss Ethel Bell, Tolar	1,000
Miss Oral Curtis, Murdock	1,000

WILSON TO ACT IN RAILROAD STRIKE IF MEDIATORS FAIL

The threatened strike of the 400,000 railway employees of the United States was averted Wednesday when the railroad brotherhoods accepted a proffer of the United States board of mediation and conciliation to mediate their differences with the railroads. If the Board of Mediation fails to adjust the differences President Wilson will be asked to use his personal influence to avert the general strike.

The mediators are hearing both sides of the case endeavoring to reach a common basis of settlement.

Another Business Change

J. R. Walker's meat market will change hands August 15. It has been sold to Neel Houck formerly of the Central Market and Mr. Strickland. Sam McMurry will remain in his present position. Mr. Walker will move to his farm west of the city.

Clovis Boy Full Fledged

Telegraph Operator at 15

Harry Marsh, the fifteen year old operator who has been working at the Western Union office in Clovis the past three years, has been promoted to the position of operator at the Santa Fe station at a much larger salary. Young Marsh is considered one of the brightest boys in Clovis. As a telegraph operator he is said to be one of the best in the business.

While he is but fifteen years of age he is a full fledged telegraph operator, faithful and efficient. This young man's career will be watched with interest by his many friends.

The Miller Motor Co. has built a new entrance to their garage. A new front and driveway has been put in making it more convenient getting cars in and out.

WHAT CURRY COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING

This County Leads In Agricultural Club Work Outside of Counties with Paid Agents.

The following which appeared in the New Mexico Farmer, a publication issued by the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, written by the State Leader, is very flattering to the boys and girls of Curry County and should encourage the formation of clubs all over the county.

"Outside of the Counties with paid agents in agricultural extension work, Curry County leads the list in point of Club enrollment and ranks among the best in actual Club work. The first Club member to become a leader in Club work lives in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood of Curry County. As a Club member he becomes of age this year.

Not long since the State Leader visited the Clubs on the Plains and found them working nicely. Both Locust Grove and Pleasant Hill groups are in the race for Mr. Boyce's \$4,000.00 Club house. The way they are working in these two communities shows that they mean business.

With their Club work they weave in the social features that make their gatherings a source of pleasure and enjoyment. The girls' Cooking Club showed us, in a practical way, their skill in cake baking. To this they added ice-cream and plenty of good cheer, which gave a splendid relish to the refreshments. Not only is the Club member-

ship interested and active but the whole community turns out to these follow-up meetings and puts its stamp of approval on the work by their presence. One man stated that whenever he had an opportunity to burn some gasoline in the interest of the Club work he was always ready. We learned that he had risen at five o'clock on Monday morning and had driven fifteen miles to town to get ice for the nine o'clock meeting. While he was gone to town, his little daughter baked a cake for the occasion, the she is about five years under the club age. The Club spirit runs in the family. There were seventy-five people at this Monday morning Club meeting right in the midst of harvest time.

On Saturday before the Monday meeting, Locust Grove turned out more than fifty strong in spite of a counter attraction in the adjoining neighborhood. This is one of the fortunate communities where the Principal of the school is a resident member and a good Club leader. The boys are taking the double project of Crops and Pigs and the girls are busy with Cooking and Sewing.

It does one good to feel the spirit of cooperation that is frequently found in country communities like these."

NEW HOMESTEAD LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT

Homesteaders Can File on Government Lands Regardless of Location.

A new homestead law is now in effect, which will be good news to many farmers and stock raisers of Curry County. Homesteaders can now file on additional land without it being contiguous to the original entry.

Circular No. 485, explaining the provisions of the Enlarged Homestead Act, amended under the act of congress of July 3, 1916, has been issued to the registers and receivers of United States land offices in all states including within their borders lands available for entry.

The original act provided for entry on 160 acres and in 1909 this act was amended by the passage of an act providing for the further entry by applicant for appropriation of additional lands amounting to 160 acres, where such additional lands were contiguous to the original homestead making possible the acquisition by settlers of a tract embracing 320 acres, of free government land.

Under act of July 3, 1916, the restriction limiting applicants to filing on only such lands as were contiguous to the original homestead, has been removed and the settler is now permitted to file upon any additional lands, regardless of its location. The

provisions of the act extend the privilege of the settlers from the government lands in one state to those of any other. The act makes possible the selection of a single homestead of 160 acres in any location and the further entry upon additional lands in tracts of 40, 80 or 160 acres in different states provided the land is properly designated.

Democratic Get Together Day

There is an agitation for a Get-Together-Day, of the democrats and it has been suggested that the State Committee designate a day for such a meeting, and August 12 would be a good date. On that date the democrats of each precinct would meet to exchange views, formulate plans and take measures to give the state a wise, honest and economic government.

W. I. Luikart and family are expected home Friday. Mr. Luikart has been to New York and other Eastern markets making extensive purchases of fall and winter merchandise while Mrs. Luikart and children visited in Altus, Oklahoma. Mr. Luikart was ill at Altus the first of the week but is reported better.

SANTA FE MIXED TRAIN DITCHED MONDAY NIGHT

Ran Into Washout. Engine and Cars Turned Over. Engineer Injured and Passengers Shaken Up.

The South bound Santa Fe accommodation freight train went into the ditch at Lakewood, a station between Roswell and Carlsbad, Monday night at 10:55. The engine and three freight cars were turned completely over.

The fireman sustained painful injuries and several of the passengers were badly shaken up and the remainder as badly frightened.

The wreck was caused by a wash-out of the road bed. A heavy rain storm had prevailed in that section of the country all day Monday and the tracks in several places were flooded with several inches of water.

The wrecking crews of Clovis and Amarillo were called out and proceeded to the scene of the wreck and under the superintendence of Superintendent Sears, put the track in condition for the resumption of traffic.

Reports from other parts of the Santa Fe lines and other roads, are to the effect that traffic has been delayed by the heavy rains of the last few days.

Motor Carrier Examination

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for Curry County to be held at Clovis, August 26 1916 to fill the position of rural motor carrier at Clovis and Texico and vacancies that may occur on motor rural routes from postoffices in this county.

The salary on motor routes ranges from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum. The examination is only open to male citizens domiciled in the county. Application blanks and full information can be secured by applying to the postmaster at Clovis, N. M.

Amarillo Boosters

Visit Clovis

The Amarillo club for city Development came to Clovis in full force, Wednesday and spent an hour interviewing our business men and viewing the city. The boosters are traveling on a special train consisting of two ordinary coaches and three pullmans. Heretofore the club considered that they were "going some" when they visited towns in their patronizing territory in a motor car. This evolution from a string of "tin henrys" to a special train of palatial "Kivered" cars, is a good indication that Amarillo is prospering.

The boosters took dinner at the Harvey House, and led by a most excellent band, paraded the principal streets and afterward devoted their time to circulating publicity literature and making acquaintances among Clovis people.

Quite a number of business men met them on their arrival at 12:25 and gave them a farewell at 1:25. The party went from here to Roswell and returned to this city at 5:30 a. m. and went to Lubbock Texas to wake up that city.

Reception to Pastor

A reception was tendered Rev. Earle Du Laney, the new Baptist minister, Tuesday night at the Baptist church, and there was a large attendance. Rev. Du Laney made a pleasing address which was well received by the audience. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies of the church. A splendid musical program was rendered.